

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

11. (previously presented): A server device which is connected to at least one client device through a network; said server device comprising:

schedule management means for managing relevance between classifications of information and transmission times of the information and relevance between information representing areas and time zones of the respective areas;

request receiving means for receiving, from said client device, a request for transmission of information,

area determination means for determining in which area at least one client device having sent a request for transmission of information exists; ,

information providing means for referring to said schedule management means, and for selecting classified information corresponding to a present time in a time zone of the area which is determined by said area determination means, and.

information sending means for sending, through the network, the information selected by said information providing means to a predetermined client device which has sent the request for transmission of the information,

wherein said information providing means further includes counting means for counting a number of client devices which have sent a request for transmission of information or a number of client devices to which said information sending means has sent requested information, according to the classifications of the information.

Claims 12-24 (canceled).

25. (canceled).

Claims 26 and 27 (canceled).

28. (canceled).

29. (currently amended): A server device which is connected to at least one client device through a network; said server device comprising:

schedule management means for managing relevance between classifications of information and transmission times of the information and relevance between information representing areas and time zones of the respective areas;

request receiving means for receiving, from said client device, a request for transmission of information;;

area determination means for determining in which area at least one client device having sent a request for transmission of information exists; ,

information providing means for referring to said schedule management means, and for selecting classified information corresponding to a present time in a time zone of the area which is determined by said area determination means, and-

information sending means for sending, through the network, the information selected by said information providing means to a predetermined client device which has sent the request for transmission of the information,

wherein said information providing means further includes counting means for counting at least a number of client devices to which said information sending means has sent requested information, according to the classifications of the information.